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TO : Chief, Materials Division

DATE: 9 May 1958

THRU : Chief, Analysis Division *WLF*

FROM : Chief, USSR Branch

SUBJECT: Review of Proposed Sample of Mining Machinery Items for  
Machinery Ruble-Dollar Ratio Study

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25X1A5a1 1. Attached, for your retention, are two copies of a  
25X1A5a1 proposed sample of mining machinery items prepared [redacted] 25X1A5a1  
25X1A5a1 [redacted] as part of a study of 1955 ruble-dollar ratios for  
25X1A5a1 machinery and equipment items being conducted under an external  
25X1A5a1 research contract from the Agency [redacted]

[redacted] has prepared the Soviet side of the mining machinery sample, [redacted] is shortly  
to begin work on the U.S. portion of the sample (namely, the  
comparable U.S. models, their detailed specifications, and their  
dollar prices).

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it will be appreciated if the appropriate branches in your Division  
will review this sample and furnish us their comments.

a. These comments should include their views as to  
(1) the representativeness of items selected for the sample,  
(2) important items missing from the sample which they  
believe should be included, (3) the adequacy of the Soviet  
specifications as a basis for selecting comparable U.S.  
items, and (4) U.S. models of machinery which are known to  
be direct copies of or are directly comparable to the  
Soviet models.

b. Where additional items should be included in the  
sample, please furnish Soviet specifications and ruble  
prices or indicate sources where this information may be  
found. References to any studies containing comparisons  
of Soviet and U.S. mining machinery would also be appreciated.

c. Comments should appear in an unclassified  
attachment which can be forwarded directly [redacted] 25X1A5a1  
Please furnish two extra carbon copies of the comments for  
this purpose. Unclassified source references to studies  
containing comparisons of Soviet and U.S. mining machinery  
should be included in the attachment containing the comments.  
Classified source reference should appear in a separate attachment.

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3. It would be appreciated if these comments could be received in D/A by 16 May 1958.

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Attachment:

██████████ proposed sample of mining machinery items.

Distribution:

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